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DONE IT AGAIN!
The trust busters have smashed Standard Oil again. Monday the United States court "banded down" that long-looked-for decision and solemnly dissolved the Standard Oil monopoly.
Of course, if they could dissolve Standard Oil, then all other trusts would be in danger. But the joke of it all is that all stocks advanced on the New York exchange on the very next day, and Standard Oil went up 5 1/2 points. Read this:
New York, May 16.—The stock market was stronger today than it has been for weeks. The opinion of bankers is that the Standard Oil decision having been more than discounted, will mark the beginning of an upward turn in security values and in the expansion of trade.

The first effect of the court's decision was a sharp advance in all active stocks. Standard Oil opened less than a point lower and soon gained 5 1/2 points. Tobacco opened higher and gained 15 points.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.
The Scott County Graduating exercises were held in Benton Saturday, May 13. Eighty-seven graduates received Diplomas this year, being the largest class the county has yet had.
The spelling match was hotly contested. Miss Gladys Heid, of Commerce, winning the medal.
The declamatory contest has been highly praised. Three of the best declaimers of South-East Missouri took part in the contest. Mr. Roberts, of Morley, certainly deserves high praise for his rendition of "The Unknown Rider." Miss Ruth Reynolds, of Commerce, in the rendition of "The Bear Story" proved herself an artist. Miss Murchison, of Benton, in "Little Nell in Piquet" captivated the judges and won for her the medal.

Prof. Waldo Johnson, of Farnett, delivered a very instructive and interesting address.
I wish to explain why some who did not receive diplomas were permitted to sit in the graduating class. The new ruling permits the credit of passable grades. The applicant must make an average grade of 80 percent with grades on all subjects above 60 percent. All the subjects on which they have a passable grade they will not be required to take over if their grades together with the grade on the subject below 60 percent raised above 60 percent will average 80 percent. Such pupils may take part of the ninth grade next year, provided they raise all subjects above 60 percent.

A copy of all grades below 60 will be sent to the teacher of the school where the applicant attends that the pupil may raise the grade.
When the pupils pass the examination next spring on subjects below 60, if they raise their grades to the required percent diplomas will be sent to those who took part of the examination exercises. They will be considered as members of 1911 class for they passed part of the examination in 1911. This is why they were permitted to sit in the class. I wish to thank the people for the kindness shown to me.
Chas. B. Harris, County Supt.

GRADUATING CLASS.
The following are the names of those receiving Diplomas together with the names of their school:
Commerce—John Wahl, Maud Wiley, Gladys Heid, Ben Bonard, Ruth Reynolds.
Cassville—Rosa King, Charles Vandye.
Cross Plains—Gracie Caraker, Ruth Harrison.
Oran—Mellie Driskel, Wm. G. Mier, McKinley Angie, Paul Hale, Herbert Goza, Willie Metz, Harry Caudle, Lucy Vaughn.
Illmo—Ralph Grant, Earl Wilson, Elizabeth Penrod, Hazel Pohlmann, Metta Grutter, Flora Church, J. N. Barnes, Mamie Humphrey.
Vanduser—Elsie Warnick, Eva Joyce, Olive Cunningham, Nina Hackett, Susie Crawley, Rilev Batts, Audry Smith, John Matthews, Ola Warnick, Madge Vaughn, Guy Vanduser, J. W. Revell.

Benton—Seaford Lutes, Claud Finley, Norman Mozley, Vincent Heisserer, Arnold Daniel, Decille Daniel.
Head—Bertha Roth, Christine Elfert, Dora Mencke.
Blodgett—Gertrude Reams, Lucille Burks, Scherle Bradley, Mary Butler, Bernice Crafton, Retta Lewis, Roy A. Green, Warren Kinney, Uennata Murchason, Hazel Turner, Hall Robertson, W. L. Buchanan.
Claypool—Jesse Walton.
Macedonia—Joe Garvey, Lola Weaver, Linnie Garvey.
Edna—Samuel Williams.
Chaffee—Clay Fisher, C. Towns, Ruby McEwing, Clifford Frates, Fred Loy, Marian Castelberry, Myrtle Sweeney, Joe Allen.
We couldn't get the names of the graduates of Morley, Kelso, and Ellis for this week. They will be published next week.

For new, clean and cheap groceries and provision, see me. I also handle fresh fruit. Nuts and Candles always on hand at prices to tickle the pocket book.
Geo. W. Brundett,
Commerce, Mo.

ANOTHER FARCE ENDED.
Of course you remember how Sam Gomper and John Mitchell, the "great" labor leaders, were sentenced to jail three and two years ago. Well the Kicker told you it was all a stage-play. They didn't go to jail and the "contempt" proceedings were dismissed. Labor leaders who believe in "the identity of interest between capital and labor" and vote the capitalist tickets don't have to go to jail.

ATTENTION, FARMERS.
The District Organizer and lecturer of the Farmer's Educational and Co-Operative Union of America will speak at the following places for the purpose of reorganizing:
Wile Saturday night May 20.
Oran, Monday night, May 22.
Morley, Tuesday night, May 23.
Hickory Grove, Wednesday night, May 24.
Lemons, Thursday night, May 25.
Misfeldt, Friday night, May 26.
Lusk, Saturday night, May 27.
E. A. Dodson, Co. Sec.

MARRIAGES.
E. M. Hadley, McMullin.
Miss Lena Broosher, Crowder.
Fred Jobe, Oran.
Miss Nettie Byers, Oran.
Will Eskue, Sikeston.
Miss Mollie Funkhouser, Sikeston.
W. C. Darby, Blodgett.
Miss Edna Schneider, Blodgett.
A. C. Schuette, Farnett.
Miss Bertha Sprenger, Farnett.
Thomas Short, Sikeston.
Mrs. Mary Simmons, Sikeston.
C. O. Lacy, Sikeston.
Miss Rosa Flekas, Sikeston.
J. D. Terry, Sikeston.
Miss Fannie Marcus, Sikeston.
N. W. Darter, Sikeston.
Mrs. Mary Baker, Oran.
Geo. G. Fletcher, Illmo.
Mrs. Louise Calboch, Illmo.
George Lee, Morley.
Mrs. Victoria Strong, Morley.
John Hobbs, Chaffee.
Miss Nena Heeb, Chaffee.
Lord Patterson, Vanduser.
Miss Estella Lancaster, Vanduser.
Delpha Hall, Sikeston.
Miss Ruth Walker, Sikeston.
Jos. M. Glueck, New Hamburg.
Miss Ida Halter, Benton.
Walter P. Porter, Blodgett.
Miss Pearl Reams, Blodgett.

GROWTH OF SOCIAL IDEA.
"Two years," said Colliers, "is not a long time. In February, 1909, a proposition to assist a Socialist newspaper was submitted to the Letter Carriers Association of Brooklyn. The mere mention of Socialism then was sufficient to cause the speedy dropping of the proposition without a dissenting voice. In February, 1911, the Letter Carriers received a similar proposition. They voted unanimously to extend the aid asked for. What this unusual change means we do not know, but certainly the word Socialism carries less alarm than it did. People are interested in what it contains of good, and are not frightened by its remote, theoretical side."

FROM SIKESTON.
By Rev. G. W. Chapman.
Who first practiced murder, rapine and robbery of his fellow man for his individual benefit? I thought that the discussion of the foregoing might be of interest to the public and especially to Socialists, so I offer a few thoughts and facts in regard to the matter.
In reading the history of the world, the history of the creation of men, we find these statements made by Flavius Josephus in his complete works under the title of "Jewish Antiquities." With reference to Cain, who slew his brother Abel after which God cast him out of the land, with his wife and placed a mark upon him.

However he did not accept of his punishment in order to amend but to increase his wickedness for he only aimed to procure every thing that was for his own bodily pleasure though it obliged him to be injurious to his neighbors. This augmented his household substance with much wealth by rapine and violence. He excited his acquaintance to procure pleasures and spoils by robbery, and became a great leader of men into wicked courses. He also introduced a change in that way of simplicity wherein men lived before, and was the author of measures and weights, and whereas they lived innocently and generously while they knew nothing of such arts, he changed the world with CUNNING CRAFTINESS. He first of all, SET BOUNDARIES ABOUT LAND.

Herein we have the most interesting, concise and graphic history of the profit system and by whose hand and artifices we see the world plunged into rapine, murder and bloodshed for profit.

From this beginning we start and go on down the stream of time and see in the history of nations robbery, murder, tribulation and anguish on account of covetousness and lust for gain.

FROM SLAPOUT.
Miss Lora Barger returned Thursday from Illinois, where she has been visiting for a week. Vernon Lutz and wife went to the meeting at Minner Switch Saturday night and Sunday.
Tom Meek and wife and Willie Meek and wife visited Jim Clevers at Buckeye Sunday.
Miss Mary Finley, of near Benton, has been employed to teach our school next year.
Most of the farmers are done planting corn and are plowing it the first time.
A number of folks gathered at Henry Holt's Sunday to sing.
Mrs. Patten Gail visited at Morehouse Sunday.
Willie Bats is sick.
Meet me at Morley June 3!

HERE AND YONDER.
Wm. Howell, of near Chaffee, was here Monday and reported a membership of 37 in Chaffee Socialist local. He said they had a debate Friday night between a Stoddard county Democrat and Socialist workman of Chaffee, with the usual result. The fact that the Stoddard county man would enter into a debate with a Socialist proves him unwise. The older heads among the capitalist lawyers know better.
A law-suit, W. A. Redman vs. C. Moenig, account, was tried in Squire Legrand's court Tuesday. The jury found \$38.58 due Mr. Redman.

Judge R. A. Kingsbury returned from Colorado Sunday, where he spent two months in search of health. He says he is all right.
John Collins, the Socialist speaker, will not speak at Sikeston on short Saturday as advertised, on account of a mistake in dates.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bonnefont, of Bird's Point, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bonnefont—returning Monday.
Miss Dossie Kingery fell into the basement of the Sheriff's residence Monday and was painfully hurt.
James F. Allen, of Oran, is at Dawson Springs, Ky., where he will remain for two weeks.
Mrs. Sam Worley is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Wm. McFadden, at Illmo.
August Bohnhart, of Vanduser, was here Monday.
J. W. Farris has been quite sick this week.
Meet me at Morley June 3!

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
While returning from Kelso in a buggy Sunday, Mrs. Barney Heuring was run into FROM BEHIND by an automobile. She was not seriously hurt, but very badly frightened. The kind (?) gentleman in the auto got out and with an air of philanthropy, handed her \$2.50 with which to repair the demolished buggy. On Monday her husband took the wreck to the shop for repairs and learned that it would cost about fifteen dollars. Mrs. Heuring does not know who the good Samaritan was that gave her the \$2.50 and called it square, and she was too frightened to think of noticing the number on the machine. But we farmers vote for this and ought not to kick. However, if we should lose our temper and shoot one of the gentlemen it would be murder; but if one of these nice people should kill one of our wives or children, it would be an unavoidable accident of course, as was proven in the Steve Rodgers case. Poor Steve Rodgers is dead, but the kind of justice he received family got still lives—and will continue to live so long as we vote as we do. Do you believe these autoists would be so reckless if their CLASS did not have hold of both ends of "the law?"

A jolly crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Glans Sunday and had a chicken stew. Present were John Dirnberger and family, August Glans and family, Martin Giestetter and family, George Glans and family, Phillip Glans, A. L. Hahn, Louis J. Legrand and Louis Reichert. After the feast some cockle crow like rooster, while others cackled.
The Rev. Father Moenig does not seem to practice that part of the Bible which tells us to turn the other cheek. Rubbing your fist in a threatening manner under the nose of a cripple over ten cents does not harmonize with it.
Joe Westrich now lives at home and boards at the same place—in his new house.

Otto Diebold, Albert Vetter, Frank and Wm. Kern, and Misses Dora Dirnberger, Bertha Schlitt, Alma Vetter and Ollie and Sybil Diebold attended the Glueck-Halter wedding at Benton Tuesday.
The Misses Cora Bies and Clara Halter of Oran, tried killing two birds with one stone Sunday. They took dinner with Miss Dora Dirnberger and then spent the evening with Miss Ollie Diebold. Ever since John Dirnberger had walks built over at Oran, it is a hard matter to keep his son, Johnnie, and Otto Diebold at home Sunday.
The marriage of Joe Glueck to Miss Ida Halter was announced here Sunday. They were married at the Benton Catholic church Tuesday.

Albert Vetter and Miss Dora Dirnberger attended the play party at Dennis Graessers Sunday. All had a good time.
Anton Hahn has lumber on the ground to build a store on the lots he recently bought of John Linhardt.
Charles Berger and family Sunday with Mrs. Burger's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Leibler at Kelso.
Sol. Hahn of Schererville can not only shear your sheep, but clip your dog. Ask John Gangle, M. Dirnberger and Andy Schoen left Saturday for St. Louis to attend the Catholic union.
Chas. L. Proffitt of Pt. Pleasant, visited the family of John Dirnberger Sunday.
The 2-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gerst was buried here Wednesday.
Father Moenig, A. L. Hahn and Mrs. Joe Compas were at Benton Tuesday.

The dance at Henry Grojeans Wednesday night was well attended.
Our children will make their communion Thursday, May 25. Al. Messmer and Miss Annie Legrand of Kelso were here Sunday.
Anton L. Hahn and Phil Harness were at Chaffee, Saturday.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Stike Monday.
Mrs. Joe Hahn, of Bieda, visited her mother Sunday.
August Lux automobilized thru here Sunday.
Subscribe for the only Kicker.

FROM ORAN.
I had priced myself that as district clerk in the Oran school district of getting the enumeration as near perfect as could well be done. The term report of the principal was either wrong or else I was short on enumeration. Take the number reported enrolled in the public school and in the Parochial school and those not attending and you have 618. We ain't got 'em. But Lovin'good tells how dad in acting horse overdid the thing.
John Mann, of the Oak Ridge Critic, was in town several days last week interviewing our citizens about putting in a newspaper at this place. A newspaper here that would attend strictly to the newspaper business and keep out of the factional fights of the town and not attempt to be the mouth piece or do the dirty work of the smart set, might live through the summer.

Several parties contemplate starting another bank at this place. The farmers complain that little or no accommodation is to be had at the bank here. The funds evidently being used for speculation. Just now there is a pressing demand by the farmers for money to defray the expenses of making the crop and harvesting the wheat crop.
The farmers are generally done planting corn. The land, where cultivated by the owners, has been better prepared and put in better condition than ever before. In this the tenant farmer works at a disadvantage. He rents more land than he can properly cultivate. In other words he overcrops himself and with the means at his command he cannot do thorough work.

Frank Heister, of Sikeston, was here last week looking after the work at the church. I did not learn what success he had nor do I know what the trustees now propose to do. One of them I am told says that by the refusal to accept the bond of Ralph, the Illmo contractor, it will take an additional \$2,000 to complete the building.

Now that the assessor is soon to begin his work for the year, I hope the assessment of property may be more equitably adjusted. The law is supposed to apply to all alike and there is no reason why the "tax-dodgers" should not bear their proportionate part of the burden of taxation.

The two story frame dwelling being built by Andrew Metz and the one for J. D. Bowman are under roof and will be completed in a short time. The walls of the brick dwelling being erected for Bert Ringo will soon be complete. F. C. Bice, Chas. E. Moore, Fred Nunneley, W. H. Tally, Theon and Zeno Heisserer, Phil Simpkins, Harry Wommack and Leo Tinkhoff, went to the Cape Sunday.

James Farris, of Benton, who has the contract of moving a house on the lands recently purchased by Barney Wagoner, was here most of last week.
W. C. Bowman, J. J. Matthews and M. O. O'Connell of Sikeston were here last week looking after the interest of the Scott Co. mills.

L. J. Daunenmueller, Andrew Heisserer, L. J. Dohogne and Alois Felter were here Thursday. Several from this place departed Sunday for Little Rock to attend the Confederate reunion.
Tolbert Gillespie, who has been here for the past six months, returned home Friday.
R. L. Stubbliedier, Tom Adams and V. L. Harris of Benton were here last week.

Joe Patterson, N. A. Towns and Ben Myers, of Vanduser, were here last week.
Dr. Haw. of Benton, was here Saturday on professional business.
H. A. De Lay left Saturday for Nevada, Mo. looking for a location.
Mrs. Dr. Bryte, of Sikeston, is spending the week here.

FROM KESLO.
Albert Bollinger and sisters, Amelia, Clara and Ida; Frank Diebold, Joe Enderle and Theo Bollinger and his best girl, all of Benton, attended the dance at John Enderle's Monday night.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Compas, Otto Dannenmueller and children and Mrs. Frank Blattel were out automobilizing Sunday and went to near Charleston.

A large crowd enjoyed themselves at the dance at John Enderle's Monday night.
The children of our parish will make their first communion May 25—next Thursday.
John Scherer and family visited George Glueck and family Sunday.
Grandpa Logel is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. Seyer, at Ance. Albert Enderle and sister, Miss Bertha, were at Chaffee Sunday.

August Kern moved to the swamp last week to plant corn. Ben Enderle and wife were at Edna shopping Friday.
Andy Schererville was at John Enderle's Sunday.
Andre Scherer of Schererville, was at John Enderle's Sunday.

FROM ANCEL.
Wm. Lauck, Louis Lauck, Jacob Blattel, John Blattel, Frank Resel, Mike Enderle and Simon Blattel went to St. Louis Saturday.
Wm. Walter has bought five acres of land and the new house of M. A. Cooksey south of town.
Regina Seyer and Emma Lipps went to Big Island last week and will remain all summer.
May Daugerty was visiting Ottila and Geo. Gerger a few days last week.

Daus' folks, of the Cape, were here visiting L. P. Welter's folks Sunday.
Willie Lunsford was at Crowder Sunday, returning Monday.
The boys and girls had a fine time at the dance last week.
M. A. Cooksey went to the Cape Tuesday.
Peter Welter drove to the Cape Monday.

FROM FARNETT.
The section foreman here has received orders to reduce the force to twenty men. He now has over forty. This is done so that the management of that department can show as large an increase as possible for the year ending June 1. It does not matter how many poor men have to do without work, or even bread, during that time—just so they have an increase in dividends.
Let every local be represented at the next county meeting at Morley. Remember, WE WIN in Scott county next year. Comrades, attend your local meetings, and all who can should be at Morley. Do your part and victory is certain.

Comrades Adams and Jacob have been getting up a list of subs for the Sikeston Hornet and have met with fair success. It is the duty of all Socialists to support their press. Our new comrade has shown that he is of the right stuff and has the grit. Help him.
The Scott County Building and Loan made another loan of one thousand dollars at the last meeting of the Board. We are doing fine, and invite all to join us and subscribe for the new series of stock just issued.

J. D. Shapp is building another house on his lots in North Illmo, which adds very much to the best addition in either town.
Geo. L. Elston and family spent the day with Henry Elfert on the farm Sunday and report a fine time.
The Concrete Block factory of Knapp & Sanders is working full time with orders ahead.
Jim Rose will soon have his house finished and live in a home he can call his own.

Miss Ola Estes had to quit the office work temporarily because of sickness.
FROM HEAD DISTRICT.
Grandma Bonhardt died Tuesday, May 9th, at the home of her son Martin Bonhardt, and was buried Wednesday at their family cemetery in the Bonhardt place. She was 84 years old. She was the oldest member of the Lutheran church. Her maiden name was Pauline Terry. She was twice married but both husbands preceded her into the realm of peace. She leaves two sons, four grand children, four great grand children and a brother to mourn her loss.
Eber Guth died last Saturday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Tucker, and was interred Sunday at the Lutheran cemetery. He had been suffering with diabetes for the last six months, yet his death was very sudden, as he taught school the day before he died. He was in his 20th year.

ever will have the next in the neighborhood.
Ed Scherer passed through Schererville Sunday, headed for the top of the hill.
Joe Scherer raised his new barn Thursday. The biggest barn in the county.
Ed Hahn and somebody else went to the show Saturday night.
Donat and Will Scherer went to Commerce Sunday.
Ed Scherer attended church at New Hamburg Sunday.
Geo Scherer lost a fine young mule colt Sunday.
The dance Saturday night was well attended.

FROM WHITE OAK.
The bridge over the Blue ditch is down to let the dredge boat pass and the mail carrier only comes every other day.
T. J. Huey was caught in the rain one day last week. He says "You can't melt a Socialist."
Mr. and Mrs. Denton of Cross Plains visited their daughter, Mrs. Laura Sullivan, Sunday.
Messames Buck Huey and Willie Thompson spent Sunday with the family of J. T. Huey.

The Misses May and Helen Stanley entertained friends on last Sunday.
Jno. Jefford, of the dredge, visited J. T. Schneider Sunday.
Dick Grevitt has gone to Kentucky for his health.
Mrs. Wm. Ginger, of Claypool, was here Sunday.
Our Sunday school is progressing nicely. Come.
Miss Emma Beck was at Sikeston Saturday.

When in Commerce, come to see me. I have a nice line of groceries, provisions, fruits, nuts and candies. You will not regret buying of me. Geo. W. Brundett.
NATURE'S HERBS.
For family health there is no better discovery to enjoy life. One dose a day—200 doses—\$1. R. F. D., \$1.10. Money back if you are not benefited. Write for free trial treatment. W. W. Robertson Box 97, Benton, Mo. 25.

FROM BUGG RIDGE.
A number of Mrs. May Hammels friends gathered at her house Monday to celebrate her 27th birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Gude, Mrs. Chas. Carter, Mrs. Violet Carter, Mrs. Frank McNeely, Mrs. Geo. Perry, and the Misses Celia and Gladys Carter. Music was furnished. All had a pleasant evening.
Our meeting has been progressing nicely all week. Services here Sunday and Sunday night. Everybody come.
Elbert Thorp and wife have gone to Fancy-Farm, Ky. to stay a couple of weeks with relatives.

Mrs. Joe O'Connor, who lives in the sand, visited her daughter, Mrs. Lilly Finley Thursday.
Hawley Dickey, who lives in the Ward district, passed through here Sunday with his girl.
Alvie Carter, of Hooe district, Sunday at Geo. Perry's. Ice cream was served.
All be ready for the County Socialist meeting at Morley the 1st Saturday in June.
John Evans, of Mullins Island, was at John Finley's Sunday.
John O'Connor and his sister were at Mr. Finley's Sunday.
W. M. Skidmore and family were at E. Carter's Sunday.
Dan Pickett, of Oran, was a visitor here Sunday.

THE SOCIALIST PLATFORM.
Adopted at Chicago, Ill., in 1903.
As measures calculated to strengthening the working class in its fight for the realization of this ultimate aim and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and pledge ourselves, and our elected officers, to the following program—
1. The immediate government relief for the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforesting cut-over and waste lands, by reclamation of arid tracts, and the building of canals, and by extending all other useful public works. All persons employed on such works shall be employed directly by the government under an eight-hour work-day and at the prevailing rate of union wages. The government shall also loan money to the states and municipalities without interest for the purpose of carrying on public works. It shall contribute to the funds of labor organizations for the purpose of assisting the unemployed members, and shall take such other measures within its power as will lessen the widespread misery of the workers caused by the misrule of the capitalist class.

2. The collective ownership of railroads, telegraphs, telephones, steamboat lines and all other

There can be no absolute private title to land. All titles, whether called fee simple or otherwise, are and must be subordinate to the public title. The Socialist party strives to prevent land from being used for the purpose of exploitation and speculation. It demands the collective ownership, control or management of land to whatever extent may be necessary to attain that end. It is not opposed to the occupation and possession of land by those using it in a useful and bona fide manner without exploitation.

3. The collective ownership of all industries which are organized on a national scale, and in which competition has virtually ceased to exist.
4. The extension of the public domain to include mining, quarries, oil wells, forests and water power.
5. The scientific reforestation of timber lands, and the reclamation of swamp lands. The land so reforested or reclaimed to be permanently retained as a part of the public domain.

6. The absolute freedom of the press, speech and assembly.
INDUSTRIAL DEMANDS.
7. The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers by shortening the working day in keeping with the increased productivity of machinery.
By securing to every worker a rest period of not less than a day and a half each week.
By securing a more effective inspection of workshops and factories.
By forbidding the employment of children under 16 years of age.
By forbidding the interstate transportation of the products of child labor, of convict labor, and of all uninspected factories.
By abolishing official charity and substituting in its place compulsory insurance against unemployment, illness, accident, invalidism, old age and death.

POLITICAL DEMANDS.
8. The extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the amount of the bequests and to the nearness of kin.
9. A graduated income tax.
Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women, and we pledge ourselves to engage in an active campaign in that direction.
The initiative and referendum, proportional representation, and the right of recall.
The abolition of the Senate.
The abolition of the power usurped by the supreme court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by congress.
National laws to be repealed or abrogated only by act of Congress or by a referendum of the whole people.

That the constitution be made amendable by majority vote.
The enactment of further measures of general education and the conservation of health.
The bureau of education to be made a department. The creation of a department of public health.
The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and the establishment of a department of labor.
That all judges be elected by the people for short terms and that the power to issue injunctions be secured by immediate legislation.
The free administration of justice.

Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole power of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.

SOCIALIST LOCALS MEET.
Macedonia—2d and 4th Tuesdays in each month. Gustav Hill-Bileman, Sec. Commerce, P. O. 1000—Third Sunday in each month. R. K. McCannahan, Sec. Morley P. O.
Edna—2d and 4th Thursdays in each month. J. W. Jacob, Sec. Chewing's Chapel—1st Saturday in each month. W. Henry, Sec. Head—Meets 2d Tuesday night each month. Louis Albrecht, sec. Secretaries of all locals will please send in meeting dates.
The thing for Socialists to do is to place the Kicker in every workers' home in Scott county.

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